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In re: Application of)	
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Serial No.: 09/480,432)	Group Art Unit: 3626
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING AND MODIFYING ANTI-COAGULATION THERAPY OF REMOTELY LOCATED PATIENTS

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed October 3, 2002.

In the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the existing paragraph beginning on line 25 with the following paragraph:

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-- In addition to case managers, AVMs, and home diagnostic devices, several systems have been devised that collect disease-related data at home and transmit them to a central location where the data can be analyzed by a physician or other healthcare professionals. Such systems include DIABCARE (Roche Diagnostics), THE BUDDY SYSTEM, HEALTH HERO, and LIFECHART. Some of these systems directly interface with home physiologic monitors (e.g., DIABCARE and LIFECHART) as described above. However, all of these systems simply collect data from remotely-located patients and present the data in summary form. They do not attempt to help the physician or health care provider prioritize patients in need of attention, recommend actions to ameliorate the patient's condition, or give information back to the patient about what he or she should do in the event the a change in the therapy regimen in indicated. --
